



Alaska Performance Scholarship 2011-2012 Academic Year Statistics

Preliminary data on Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS): student eligibility, applications, and award acceptance for the 2011-2012 academic year are now available. *Data Release Date: 11/14/2011*

Data Updates

Statistics will be updated in Spring 2012. Class of 2011 high school graduates may submit evidence of eligibility, as well as 2011-2012 Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSAs) through an extended December 15, 2011 deadline. In addition, eligible APS applicants who did not have Fall 2011 qualifying postsecondary enrollment may enroll in the Spring 2012 semester.

Data Sources

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (EED) collects socioeconomic and demographic student data provided by the state's 54 public school districts, as well as data provided on eligibility determination requests by individual students graduating from non-public schools.

Income and asset information on students (and their parents or guardians, if they are dependent students) is collected on the FAFSA from students applying for financial aid. This data is received by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE).

Attendance and program of study information is provided to ACPE by the postsecondary institutions that students attend.

Definitions

Eligible - a student determined to have met the high school academic eligibility requirements (Alaska high school diploma; specified curriculum; GPA; and SAT, ACT and/or WorkKeys test score).

Accepting - an eligible student who applied (filed a FAFSA) and enrolled in a qualifying program at a participating postsecondary institution.

Ethnicity – For APS reporting, ethnicity is based on information provided by the school districts to EED. For more information on ethnicity categorization, see Appendix B of the Summer OASIS 2011 Student Level Handbook for Schools and Districts available at <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/forms/oasis/05-11-061.pdf>.

Quartile - A quartile is one-fourth of a population which is displayed in groups of equal size based on a certain variable (e.g., family income, assessment scores, etc.).

Non-public schools – Non-public schools include private schools, such as religious schools, and private homeschool programs which are not part of a state home-based education program.

Who is receiving APS awards?

There are two primary sources of socioeconomic and demographic information for the high school graduating class of 2011, the first graduating class eligible to receive an Alaska Performance Scholarship. The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (EED) collects student data provided by the state's 54 public school districts¹, including data on students' gender and ethnicity. A total of 835 public school graduates made use of the APS the first semester after graduation from high school. An additional 45 students from non-public schools submitted their academic record to EED and were determined to be eligible for an APS award, and 35 of these students are using the APS their first semester after graduation.

APS ELIGIBILITY AND USAGE BY ETHNICITY, PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ONLY						
	Graduates	Eligible	Accepting	% of Graduates Eligible	% of Graduates Accepting	% of Eligible Accepting
Caucasian (White)	4,764	1,807	652	37.9%	13.7%	36.1%
African-American (Black), not Hispanic	292	50	18	17.1%	6.2%	36.0%
Hispanic	427	78	33	18.3%	7.7%	42.3%
Asian	575	143	44	24.9%	7.7%	30.8%
American Indian	79	21	6	26.6%	7.6%	28.6%
Alaska Native	1,384	101	38	7.3%	2.7%	37.6%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	402	112	40	27.9%	10.0%	35.7%
2 or more races (not Hispanic)	141	10	4	7.1%	2.8%	40.0%
Total	8,064	2,322	835	28.8%	10.4%	36.0%

Source: AK Dept. of Education & Early Development, and AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

APS ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE BY GENDER, PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ONLY						
	Graduates	Eligible	Accepting	% of Graduates Eligible	% of Graduates Accepting	% of Eligible Accepting
Male	4,012	1,060	380	26.4%	9.5%	35.8%
Female	4,052	1,262	455	31.1%	11.2%	36.1%
Totals	8,064	2,322	835	28.8%	10.4%	36.0%

Source: AK Dept. of Education & Early Development, and AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

¹ There are 53 locally-controlled school districts in Alaska, and Mt. Edgecumbe High School, which is operated by the state.

Information from the FAFSA is used by the federal Department of Education to calculate students expected ability to pay for their education – their Expected Family Contribution or EFC. A higher EFC typically indicates higher income and assets. Using FAFSA data for the 870 APS recipients in 2011, recipients’ EFC data was obtained and quartile rankings created. One-quarter of APS recipients fell into one of four EFC ranges: less than \$5,832, between \$5,832 and \$16,380, between \$16,380 and \$33,216, and greater than \$33,216. Reviewing the award levels for each of these four group reveals that those APS recipients in the highest two EFC quartiles are most likely to receive Level 1 awards, while those in the bottom two quartiles are most likely to receive Level 2 awards.

APS RECIPIENTS BY FINANCIAL STATUS				
	Level 1 Recipients	Level 2 Recipients	Level 3 Recipients	Total
EFC lower than \$5,832	59	90	69	218
EFC \$5,832-\$16,380	61	81	75	217
EFC \$16,380-\$33,216	77	68	72	217
EFC greater than \$33,216	79	73	66	218

Source: AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

Where Are They Attending?

Attendance information is verified by the postsecondary institutions. The vast majority of students receiving the APS are attending one of the University of Alaska System campuses.

APS ELIGIBILITY AND POSTSECONDARY ATTENDANCE BY INSTITUTION		
	Total # of Awards	Total Awarded
UAA	497	\$1,635,520
UAF	316	\$1,129,605
UAS	40	\$ 130,510
AVTEC	7	\$ 26,154
Alaska Bible College	5	\$ 16,724
Alaska Pacific University	3	\$ 14,256
Charter College	1	\$ 3,566
Career Academy (AK Career College)	1	\$ 3,566

Source: AK Commission on Postsecondary Education. Totals may not add because of rounding.

EED's public school data indicates that of the 8,064 high school graduates in 2011, 2,322 were academically eligible² to receive an APS award. Of the eligible students, nearly 40% were eligible for a Level 1 award, and approximately 30% each were eligible for Level 2 and 3 awards. Only 28.4% of the Level 1 eligible students used their scholarship during the first semester after graduation, while over 43% of the Level 2 eligible students made use of their APS awards.

APS ELIGIBILITY AND POSTSECONDARY ATTENDANCE					
	Ineligible	Eligible	Level 1 Eligible	Level 2 Eligible	Level 3 Eligible
Total Public High School Grads	5,742	2,322	Collegiate – 872 ³ CTE - 922	Collegiate – 679 CTE - 687	Collegiate – 706 CTE - 713
Enrolled In-State Accepting APS		835	262	296	277
Percent eligible students by award levels:			39.7%	29.6%	30.7%
Percent of eligible students accepting awards by level:			28.4%	43.1%	38.8%

Source: AK Dept. of Education & Early Development, and AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

² To be academically eligible, students must graduate with at least a 2.5 GPA, take a specified rigorous curriculum, and score above certain threshold scores on the SAT, ACT or WorkKeys standardized tests.

³ Students who take the SAT or ACT as well as WorkKeys can be certified for a collegiate and a Career and Technical Education (CTE) award level, which may differ. Award levels for students who meet curriculum requirements are determined by a combination of GPA and a standardized test score. The Collegiate level is determined by the highest of the student's qualifying scores on the SAT or ACT only. The CTE level is determined by the highest of the student's qualifying scores on the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys. The CTE award can be used for pursuit of a career and technical certificate program only (not a degree program such as an associate's or bachelor's degree).

Where Do They Come From?

APS-eligible students come from across the state, but are concentrated in the Southcentral and Interior regions, where the state's population centers lie. Eligibility rates vary from a high of almost 32% in Southcentral to a low of 11.4% in the Far North region of the state. Students using the APS at the highest rates come from the Interior and Far North regions.

APS ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGION (BY PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FROM REGION, PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLY)							
	% of Total Eligible	% of Total Accepting	% of Eligible Accepting	Graduates	Eligible	Accepting	\$ Awarded
Far North	11.4%	5.5%	48.6%	307	35	17	\$ 63,630
Interior	27.2%	13.6%	49.9%	1,401	381	190	\$ 659,905
Southwest	16.4%	4.6%	28.3%	604	99	28	\$ 87,963
Southcentral	31.7%	10.8%	34.2%	4,848	1,538	526	\$1,770,039
Southeast	29.8%	8.2%	27.5%	904	269	74	\$ 245,298
Non-Public Schools						35	\$ 133,079

Source: AK Dept. of Education & Early Development, and AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

2010-2011 APS ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE BY SCHOOL DISTRICT⁴				
District Name	Class of 2011 High School Graduates	APS-Eligible Graduates⁵	2011-2012 APS Acceptance	APS \$ awarded for 2011-2012
Anchorage	3,062	1,081	359	\$1,203,217
Fairbanks	836	288	142	\$ 487,216
Mat-Su	1,085	244	91	\$ 309,281
Kenai Peninsula	593	179	58	\$ 199,287
Juneau	403	115	25	\$ 77,277
Galena⁶	253	54	25	\$ 91,549
Ketchikan	122	48	19	\$ 63,903
Kodiak Island	181	67	17	\$ 49,928
Delta-Greely	55	14	10	\$ 33,289
Petersburg	53	25	9	\$ 39,234
North Slope	86	17	8	\$ 30,910
Valdez	45	13	8	\$ 21,400
Copper River	24	9	7	\$ 26,154
Nome	29	10	6	\$ 19,642
Sitka	98	37	5	\$ 12,484
Unalaska	22	10	5	\$ 16,040
All Other Districts (38 Total)⁷	1,117	111	41	\$ 146,024
Statewide Public Total	8,064	2,322	835	\$2,826,835
Non-Public Schools	<i>N/A</i>	42	35	\$ 133,079

⁴ Data on APS-Eligible Graduates by District is provided by the Department of Education & Early Development. Please contact Eric Fry, Information Officer, at eric.fry@alaska.gov with questions or for additional information.

⁵ APS eligibility counts are as of 10/04/2011. Graduates may submit evidence of qualification through 12/15/2011, so APS totals may change.

⁶ For districts that operate statewide correspondence programs, the numbers may reflect students served outside of their district boundaries.

⁷ District-level data cannot be published without releasing personally identifiable information.

How Much Was Used And How Was It Distributed?

The total amount awarded as of the Fall 2011 semester was nearly \$3 million. Level 1 awards, at \$4,755 for a full-time student, accounted for over 43% of this amount, even though the fewest recipients received a Level 1 award. Students were most likely to pursue a full-time bachelor's degree, with less than 5% of students attending half-time and less than 3% attending a certificate program.

APS AWARD DISTRIBUTIONS BY LEVEL		
<i>APS Award Level</i>	\$ Amount	Percentage
Level 1	\$1,284,703	43.4%
Level 2	\$1,054,067	35.6%
Level 3	\$ 621,143	21.0%
Total Amount Awarded, All Students	\$2,959,913	100%

Source: AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

APS AWARD DISTRIBUTIONS BY ENROLLMENT		
<i>Enrollment Status</i>	\$ Amount	Percentage
Full-Time	\$2,838,361	95.9%
Half-Time	\$ 121,552	4.1%
Total Amount Awarded, All Students	\$2,959,913	100%

Source: AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.

APS AWARD DISTRIBUTIONS BY DEGREE		
<i>Degree Type</i>	\$ Amount	Percentage
Bachelor	\$2,549,953	86.1%
Associate	\$ 339,141	11.5%
Certificate	\$ 70,819	2.4%
Total Amount Awarded, All Students	\$2,959,913	100%

Source: AK Commission on Postsecondary Education.